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1. So. Capitol St. Bridge/ Anacostia between Anacostia River and I-295)	1- Lincoln	20	Capacity - 50 buses, site adaptable with surface grading-paving.	Small improvement in Monumental Core.	Moderate/ Good - possible bottleneck at So. Capitol St. Bridge; movement from parking area ramp to the bridge currently is prohibited 7:00-9:30 AM.	Movement from parking area ramp to bridge requires difficult merge. Navy could limit access to lot due to security concerns. Lot would be impacted when bridge is reconstructed m l to So. Capitol possibly difficult	No abutting neighborhoods. Potential environmental impact to Anacostia River requires further assessment
	2- Wash. Mon	15-20					
	3- Jefferson	10-15					
	4- Mall-E of 7	10-15					
	5- Mall-W of 7	7-10					
	6- Capitol	5-10					
	7- Ford's Thea	15-20					
	8- Arlington	20-25					
	9-Georgetown	>20					
	10- Nat. Cath	>25					
	11- Nat. Zoo	>25					
	12- F.Douglas	5					
2. Barney Circle	1- Lincoln	15-20	Surface facility below circle possibly could accommodate up to 20 buses with site improvements	Small reduction in Monumental Core traffic	Road construction necessary for access to/from I-395 or local streets; possible access via Pennsylvania could create bottleneck..	Need to assess traffic impacts of bus entry/exit onto surface roadways.	. Abuts neighborhoods to north and west; may be viewed as negative
	2- Wash. Mon	10-15					
	3- Jefferson	10-15					
	4- Mall-E of 7	10-15					
	5- Mall-W of 7	5-10					
	6- Capitol	5-10					
	7- Ford's Thea	5-10					
	8- Arlington	20-25					
	9-Georgetown	20-25					
	10- Nat. Cath	>25					
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	12- F.Douglas	5-10					
3. Arlington Cemetery	1- Lincoln	5	Existing on-site lot with surface and two terrace levels. Current 43 tour bus spaces could be increased. Mitigation for displacement of private spaces possible.	Addition of approximately 45 tour bus spaces would have small positive impact on downtown and/or Georgetown traffic congestion. Potentially significant impact at cemetery entrance/exist.	Increased use of National Park Service parkways/ Boulevards is sensitive.	Currently used by tour buses, although crossing G.W. Parkway is difficult.	Increased use of cemetery property for tour bus use (and possible expansion of lot or structure, or construction for auto parking is highly sensitive due to the sacred character of land use.
	2- Wash. Mon	5-10					
	3- Jefferson	5-10					
	4- Mall-E of 7	7-10					
	5- Mall-W of 7	10-15					
	6- Capitol	15-20					
	7- Ford's Thea	15-20					
	8- Arlington	0					
	9-Georgetown	5-10					
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4. Buzzard Point-Half and R Streets, SW	1- Lincoln	20	1.6-acre lot has capacity for about 40 buses; tour bus use would require minor site preparation	Small to medium capacity facility would result in a small impact on downtown congestion.	Good access to So. Capitol Street.	No significant problems; major truck activity in area	No current significant impacts in area, which is industrial; potential conflict with redevelopment proposals.
	2- Wash. Mon	15-20					
	3- Jefferson	10-15					
	4- Mall-E of 7	10-15					
	5- Mall-W of 7	7-10					
	6- Capitol	5-10					
	7- Ford's Thea	15-20					
	8- Arlington	20-25					
	9-Georgetown	>20					
	10- Nat. Cath	>25					
	11- Nat. Zoo	>25					
	12- F.Douglas	5-10					
5. U-Haul Lot on So. Capitol Street (near ramps at north side of So. Capitol Street Bridge)	1- Lincoln	20	Variable up to 50 spaces; minor site preparation required.	Small to medium capacity facility would result in a small impact on downtown congestion.	Small to medium capacity facility would result in a small impact on downtown congestion.	Maneuverability constrained by compact lot abutting busy street.	Residences nearby, but existing land use is parking, and So. Capitol Street is a busy arterial.
	2- Wash. Mon	15-20					
	3- Jefferson	10-15					
	4- Mall-E of 7	10-15					
	5- Mall-W of 7	7-10					
	6- Capitol	5-10					
	7- Ford's Thea	15-20					
	8- Arlington	20-25					
	9-Georgetown	>20					
	10- Nat. Cath	>25					
	11- Nat. Zoo	>25					
	12- F.Douglas	5-10					
6. Whitehurst Fwy/K St.	1- Lincoln	5	Small number of tour buses currently find parking spaces on K Street on-street and in the K Street lot along the Georgetown Waterfront. Parkland, commercial development (Georgetown Harbor) and highways limit surface capacity and constrain development options.	Minimal positive impact for small number of buses parked at surface.	Access to freeway ramps by local streets possible.	Maneuverability constrained by roadway geometry, safety issues.	Residential development close by. Potential parkland and waterfront impacts.
	2- Wash. Mon	5-7					
	3- Jefferson	5-7					
	4- Mall-E of 7	5-7					
	5- Mall-W of 7	7-10					
	6- Capitol	10-15					
	7- Ford's Thea	7-10					
	8- Arlington	5-7					
	9-Georgetown	5-7					
	10- Nat. Cath	10-15					
	11- Nat. Zoo	15-20					
	12- F.Douglas	15-20					

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7. E St. Ramp Area/Potomac Freeway	1- Lincoln	<5	Small number of tour buses currently park unofficially under highway; grade, ramps constrain surface capacity; potential for structure in conjunction with reconfiguration of Kennedy Center Plaza.	Minimal positive impact of surface parking; structure impact variable, potentially greater positive impact.	Direct but possibly dangerous highway access for surface parking; improved access may be possible for structure.	Highway access presents safety issues for surface parking. Coordination required with Federal Highway Administration.	No significant issues.
	2- Wash. Mon	5-7					
	3- Jefferson	5-7					
	4- Mall-E of 7	5-7					
	5- Mall-W of 7	7-10					
	6- Capitol	10-15					
	7- Ford's Thea	7-10					
	8- Arlington	5-7					
	9-Georgetown	5-7					
	10- Nat. Cath	15-20					
	11- Nat. Zoo	20-25					
	12- F.Douglas	15-20					
8. Harry Thomas Way/Eckington NE	1- Lincoln	15-20	Medium capacity surface lot would have minimal traffic impact.	Modest reduction in downtown traffic congestion; possible adverse impact on New York Avenue.	Good access to arterial streets—New York Avenue	Turning movement for exits and entrances should be assessed. Major intersections in vicinity experiencing extreme congestion.	Predominantly industrial area adjacent to rail corridor.
	2- Wash. Mon	10-15					
	3- Jefferson	15-20					
	4- Mall-E of 7	15-20					
	5- Mall-W of 7	15-20					
	6- Capitol	10-15					
	7- Ford's Thea	10-15					
	8- Arlington	20-25					
	9-Georgetown	>25					
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9. East Potomac Park/Hains Point	1- Lincoln	5-10	Medium surface lot and/or 15-20 on-street spaces on Ohio Drive.	Minimal to small impact on downtown traffic.	Good access to Monumental Core via George Mason and Arland Williams Memorial Bridges (14 th Street).	No significant issues	. Located on Park Service land; no abutting neighborhoods
	2- Wash. Mon	5-10					
	3- Jefferson	5					
	4- Mall-E of 7	5-10					
	5- Mall-W of 7	7-10					
	6- Capitol	10-15					
	7- Ford's Thea	7-10					
	8- Arlington	5-10					
	9-Georgetown	10-15					
	10- Nat. Cath	20-25					
	11- Nat. Zoo	20-25					
	12- F.Douglas	15-20					
10. RFK Stadium	1- Lincoln	15-20	Moderate-large surface lot behind former mental health clinic readily adaptable for tour bus parking.	Small reduction in downtown congestion for moderate-large surface lot; possible minor traffic increase on local streets.	Required upgrading of RFK access road and parking areas to accommodate tour buses would be expensive.	Access road improvements required.	Upgrading of access road would obviate need to travel through neighborhoods..
	2- Wash. Mon	10-15					
	3- Jefferson	10-15					
	4- Mall-E of 7	5-10					
	5- Mall-W of 7	5-10					
	6- Capitol	5-10					
	7- Ford's Thea	5-10					
	8- Arlington	20-25					
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11. Western Division Metrobus Garage (Wisconsin and Jennifer)	1- Lincoln	20-25	Existing Metrobus garage can accommodate 6-8 tour buses in addition to Metrobus fleet	Could supplement on-site parking at Cathedral and allow increase in visitation, thus resulting in minor increase in local traffic, or on-site parking could be reduced..	Access via arterial roadway (Wisconsin Ave.) and possibly other roadways to avoid left turn to Cathedral..	Left turn from Wisconsin to Cathedral; parking would be difficult	Varies depending on parking policy at Cathedral and routing.
	2- Wash. Mon	20-25					
	3- Jefferson	20-25					
	4- Mall-E of 7	20-25					
	5- Mall-W of 7	20-25					
	6- Capitol	20-25					
	7- Ford's Thea	20-25					
	8- Arlington	20-25					
	9-Georgetown	15-20					
	10- Nat. Cath	10-15					
	11- Nat. Zoo	15-20					
	12- F.Douglas	>25					
12. Carter Baron Amphitheatre	1- Lincoln	20	Large existing lot; no site improvements required.	Remote parking site to serve Cathedral; as above, congestion impact depends on whether on-site parking is retained.	Beach Road in Rock Creek Park to arterial roadways (Military Rd., Nebraska and Wisconsin Avenues or alternative routing via 34th St. and Massachusetts Ave.).	Difficult left turn from Wisconsin to Cathedral; alternate routing may be necessary. Movements through Park are slow and cumbersome.	Bus routes pass through neighborhoods
	2- Wash. Mon	>25					
	3- Jefferson	>25					
	4- Mall-E of 7	>25					
	5- Mall-W of 7	>25					
	6- Capitol	>25					
	7- Ford's Thea	>25					
	8- Arlington	>25					
	9-Georgetown	>25					
	10- Nat. Cath	20					
	11- Nat. Zoo	5-10					
	12- F.Douglas	>25					
13. New Jersey & I Streets, SE	1- Lincoln	15-20	Large parcel—capacity of 200-300 buses; stie highly adaptable.	Relatively large reduction in tour bus volumes will reduce traffic in Monumental Core.	Good—So. Capitol and alternate routes	Turn from I to So. Capitol possibly difficult	Small neighborhood between D and E Streets can be avoided with alternate routings.
	2- Wash. Mon	10-15					
	3- Jefferson	10-15					
	4- Mall-E of 7	5-10					
	5- Mall-W of 7	10-15					
	6- Capitol	5					
	7- Ford's Thea	10-15					
	8- Arlington	15-20					
	9-Georgetown	20-25					
	10- Nat. Cath	>25					
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	12- F.Douglas	5-10					

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14. I-395 Air Rights between H and K Streets/ 2nd Street NW	1- Lincoln	5-10	Surface area over I-395 tunnel section- parking deck or garage	Possible adverse local traffic impacts of frequent ins and outs on access/egress streets.	Entry and exit from garage potentially difficult and could contribute to local traffic congestion on downtown streets.	Possibly difficult entry and exit from garage would require assessment.	
	2- Wash. Mon	5					
	3- Jefferson	5-10					
	4- Mall-E of 7	5					
	5- Mall-W of 7	5					
	6- Capitol	5					
	7- Ford's Thea	5					
	8- Arlington	10-15					
	9-Georgetown	10-15					
	10- Nat. Cath	20-25					
	11- Nat. Zoo	20-25					
	12- F.Douglas	15-20					
15. Massachusetts Avenue and 9th Street NW	1- Lincoln	5-10	Candidate site for structured parking.	Potential adverse impact on Massachusetts Avenue or 9th requires assesement.	Entry and exit from garage potentially difficult and will contribute to local traffic congestion on downtown streets.	Possibly difficult entry and exit from garage requires assessment.	Garage would be located in commercial area where there are other parking facilities; no significant community impacts.
	2- Wash. Mon	5-10					
	3- Jefferson	5-10					
	4- Mall-E of 7	5-10					
	5- Mall-W of 7	5-10					
	6- Capitol	5-10					
	7- Ford's Thea	5					
	8- Arlington	15-20					
	9-Georgetown	15-20					
	10- Nat. Cath	20-25					
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16. Former Convention Center Site	1- Lincoln	5-10	Temporary parking site until construction starts for new development; potential for incorporating tour bus parking in mixed-use development project.	Potential adverse impact on New York Avenue, H or 9th Street requires assesement.	Entry and exit from garage potentially difficult and will contribute to local traffic congestion on downtown streets.	Possibly difficult entry and exit from garage requires assessment. Demolition of convention center planned for December 2003.	Facility would be at non-residential former convention center site on major arterial with high traffic volumes; no significant community impacts.
	2- Wash. Mon	5-10					
	3- Jefferson	5-10					
	4- Mall-E of 7	5-10					
	5- Mall-W of 7	5-10					
	6- Capitol	5-10					
	7- Ford's Thea	5					
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17. Union Station (reallocation of existing spaces or air rights expansion over tracks); also on-street in vicinity	1- Lincoln	10-15	Close to 40 spaces for 45' motor coaches in existing facility. Reallocation of spaces could provide an additional 40 spaces. A proposed expansion of the garage would provide 128-132 bus parking spaces.	Entrance/exit can be designed to connect to street with relatively large storage capacity, reducing adverse traffic impacts.	Access via 1st or H Streets, where through traffic volumes are relatively low, would result in relatively low impacts, compared to many downtown streets.	While localized traffic impacts warrant detailed assessment, traffic disruption likely to be less than at other downtown sites.	Location in rail corridor; negligible neighborhood impacts.
	2- Wash. Mon	10-15					
	3- Jefferson	10-15					
	4- Mall-E of 7	5-10					
	5- Mall-W of 7	5-10					
	6- Capitol	5-10					
	7- Ford's Thea	5-10					
	8- Arlington	18-23					
	9-Georgetown	18-23					
	10- Nat. Cath	20-25					
	11- Nat. Zoo	15-20					
	12- F.Douglas	15-20					
18. Ellipse (Under-ground)	1- Lincoln	5-10	Bus parking would be constructed under Ellipse.	Facility could be designed to minimize traffic impacts on local streets.	Access via 15th, 17th, or Independence.	Security issues associated with location close to White House would need to be addressed.	White House is only residence in close proximity to site.
	2- Wash. Mon	5					
	3- Jefferson	5-10					
	4- Mall-E of 7	5-10					
	5- Mall-W of 7	5					
	6- Capitol	5-10					
	7- Ford's Thea	5-10					
	8- Arlington	10-15					
	9-Georgetown	5-10					
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19. Banneker Overlook (surface facility or structure)	1- Lincoln	10-12	Circulatory roadway connecting to L'Enfant Promenade and Benjamin Banneker Park would be used for tour bus parking.	Small surface lot would have negligible impact on downtown congestion; localized negative impact on Maine possible, with parking structure.	Convenient access to National Mall via G St. extension and 9th Street to/from Maine Avenue.	Localized traffic impact would be greater with garage than small surface lot; Maine may have more capacity available than other downtown roadways.	No abutting residences; visual impact on waterfront and Banneker Park should be assessed.
	2- Wash. Mon	5-10					
	3- Jefferson	5-8					
	4- Mall-E of 7	5					
	5- Mall-W of 7	5					
	6- Capitol	10-12					
	7- Ford's Thea	5-10					
	8- Arlington	10-15					
	9-Georgetown	15-20					
	10- Nat. Cath	>25					
	11- Nat. Zoo	>25					
	12- F.Douglas	10-15					
20. Water-front Park-Georgetown (under-ground)	1- Lincoln	5-10	Construction of underground garage.	Garage can be sized to serve Georgetown only; reducing traffic on M, Wisconsin, and other streets in historic district; impacts at entrance/exit require assessment.	Access via K Street.	Traffic impacts of entering/ exiting vehicles can be mitigated by limiting size; visual and environmental impacts require assessment.	Compatibility with National Historic Park, nearby historic district requires further assessment.
	2- Wash. Mon	10-15					
	3- Jefferson	10-15					
	4- Mall-E of 7	15-20					
	5- Mall-W of 7	10-15					
	6- Capitol	20-25					
	7- Ford's Thea	15-20					
	8- Arlington	5-10					
	9-Georgetown	5					
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	12- F.Douglas	20-25					